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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY PICKETS CONSULATE

1. SUMMARY. ADHERENTS OF EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY (ELP),
AFFILIATED WITH LYNDON H. LAROCHE'S EXTREMIST AMERICAN
LABOR PARTY, PEACEFULLY PICKETED CONSULATE MORNING
OF JULY 21. THEIR PRINCIPAL MESSAGE WAS ALLEGATION
THAT CARTER'S CYNICAL EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS
DESTROYING DETENTE AND LEADING WORLD TOWARD NUCLEAR
WAR. END SUMMARY.

2. FIVE YOUNG ITALIANS (THREE MEN, TWO WOMEN) APPEARED
IN FRONT OF MAIN ENTRANCE TO CONSULATE SKYSCRAPER JULY
21 WITH PLACARDS ACCUSING PRESIDENT CARTER OF PUSHING
WORLD TOWARD NUCLEAR WAR VIA SPURIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES
THAT WERE RUINING DETENTE. THEY ALSO SOLD COPIES OF
THEIR NEWSPAPER NUOVA SOLIDARIETA' AS WELL AS OTHER
MATERIAL. GROUP ATTRACTED LITTLE INTEREST. EXECUTIVE
OFFICER BOUGHT PULICATIONS AND SPOKE WITH YOUNG LADY
OF GROUP WHOSE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF SANITY WAS BELIED
BY WHAT SHE HAD TO SAY.

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3. PUTTING TOGETHER YOUNG LADY'S REMARKS, MATERIAL FROM
PUBLICATIONS, OUR PREVIOUS FLEETING CONTACTS WITH
THIS GROUP, AND OTHER MATERIAL AT OUR DISPOSAL,
FOLLOWING PICTURE EMERGES. EUROPEAN LABOR PARTY IS

OFFSHOOT OF AMERICAN LABOR PARTY LED BY LYNDON H. LA ROUCHE, ONE-TIME PARTY CANDIDATE FOR U.S. PRESIDENCY. AL ROUCHE ALSO SAID TO HAVE FOUNDED "INTERNATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES" IN 1967, EUROPEAN VERSION OF WHICH IS "EUROPEAN LABOR COMMITTEES." LATTER'S HEADQUARTERS SAID TO BE IN WIESBADEN, WITH ITALIAN REGIONAL OFFICES IN ROME, MILAN, TURIN, AND BOLOGNA. GROUP ALSO APPEARS IN GUISE OF "INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE," NEWS ARM WITH PURPOSE OF SPREADING ORGANIZATIONS VIEWS.

4. MAIN FEATURE OF ERP OUTLOOK IS EXTREME LEFTIST, ZENOPHOBIC APPROACH TO WORLD POLITICS WHEREBY ROOT OF PRACTICALLY ALL EVIL IS U.S., DOMINATED ALLEGEDLY BY CIA AND BY ROCKELLER FOUNDATION. TRILATERAL COMMISSION ALSO HIGH ON LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS VIA WHICH AMERICAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMY HEGEMONY EXERCIZED. U.S. HAS DONE ITS WORK SO WELL THAT, ACCORDING TO ELP, PRACTICALLY ALL ITALIAN LEFTIST FRINGE GROUPS ARE UNDER AMERICAN INFLUENCE, INCLUDING SUCH UNLIKELY CANDIDATES AS LOTTA CONTINUA, DP, NAP, AND RED BRIGADES. YOUNG LADY PICKETER SAID MOST OF ELP'S SMALL ITALIAN MEMBERSHIP ARE IN FACT DROP-OUTS FROM EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS. SHE HERSELF, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD DISCOVERED AWFUL TRUTH ABOUT LOTTA CONTINUA AND FLED IN DISILLUSION.

5. ELP APPEARS TO DISLIKE JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY. LADY
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MEMBER OF GROUP DESCRIBED HERSELF AS COMMUNIST BUT NOT PCI MEMBER AND ELP LITERATURE CONDEMNS US FOR ALLEGEDLY BEING IN LEAGUE WITH ITALIAN MAOISTS. ERP AIM IS SAID TO BE EVENTUAL CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST ORDER.

6. PERHAPS MOST SERIOUS ACCUSATION MOUNTED AGAINST US BY ERP IS THAT OF SUPPORTING ITALIAN TERROSIST GROUPS. ERP MAGAZINE BOLLETTINO INTERNAZIONALE (UNDATED) CONTAINS BREATHTAKING ORGANIZATION CHART ENTITLED "NETWORK WHICH CREATED TERRORISM IN ITALY" WHICH LUMPS TOGETHER IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS OSS, ACTION PARTY, ROCKFELLER AND FORD FOUNDATIONS, MIT, RAND, INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES, CLUB OF ROME, LOTTA CONTINUA, DP, NAP, RED BRIGADES, AND MANY OTHERS. INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED AS INVOLVED IN SOME WAY IN PROMOTING ITALIAN TERRORISM INCLUDED FRANCESCO ALBERONI, NORBERTO BOBBIO, GIORGIO GALLI, GIANNI AGNELLI, SERGIO SEGRE, RICCARDO LOMBARDI, AND GIORGIO AMENDOLA.

7. ORGANIZATION DOES NOT IN OUR EXPERIENCE SEEM VIOLENCE PRONE. PICKETERS WHO DISSEMINATED ABOUT VIEWS AND

WHOM WE HAVE SEEN IN PAST ARE FAIRLY WELL DRESSED AND NOT BADLY BEHAVED. THEIR SPORADIC APPEARANCES HAVE INCLUDED A USIS-SPONSORED TALK ON U.S. CONGRESS AND AMERICAN ELECTION NIGHT SOIREE AT USIS. SEVERAL MEMBERS TRIED TO ATTEND AMBASSADOR GARDNER'S MILAN PRESS CLUB SPEECH LAST SPRING BUT WERE TURNED AWAY FOR LACK OF INVITATIONS.

8. IN SUM, ELP PEOPLE ARE STRONGE PHENOMENON INDEED. COMPARATIVELY CLEAN-CUT AND PROBABLY IDEALISTIC, THEY HAVE ESPOSED GLOBAL CONSPIRACY THEORY THAT IS WILDLY DIVORCED FROM REALITY, THE MORE SO AS ONE DESCENDS FROM ITS GENERAL TENETS TO SPECIFIC CHARGES. SOURCE OF THEIR FINANCING IS UNKNOWN. (LADY ELP MEMBER SAID ITAIAN ORGANIZATION WAS SELF-SUPPORTING AND LIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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NUOVA SOLIDARIETA' NEWSPAPER SALES, AN UNLIKELY STORY.) THEY ARE NOT NUMEROUS IN ITALY, ADMISSION MADE BY ELP MEMBER ALREADY CITED. BUT THEY KEEP POPPING UP AND WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE. WRIGHT

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